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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, [REDACTED] CA Staff

SUBJECT : Contingency Task Force Training Program

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum, Same Subject,
25 July 1961

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1. I agree that the Office of Training should be responsible for the training of the Contingency Task Force. This responsibility should include the development and scheduling of courses and the conduct of instruction.

2. Obviously, as you point out, a continuation of the close relationship between our offices is essential to the success of this training. Not only must the training, as always, be responsive to the requirements of the Clandestine Services as developed by the office most concerned and submitted through the DDP Training Officer; it must, in addition, take its character from the fact that it is directed, not at individuals, but at members of a Task Force the creation and maintenance of which are a Clandestine Services responsibility. OTR will continue to look to the Clandestine Services for the selection of participants in the training program as well as for other appropriate guidance and support.

3. As the size of the Task Force increases and as more individuals acquire the necessary skills through the Basic Paramilitary Course, it may be advisable to modify the scope of the Task Force "refresher" training. It is conceivable that a short classroom course in the organization and management of this type of operation might be a desirable prerequisite to participation in the annual field exercise. If so, the development and conduct of such a course would be a proper OTR responsibility in consultation with your office. On the other hand, in the field exercise itself the role of OTR might well be subordinated to permit the participants maximum experience in planning as well as executing the problem.

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subjected to individual systematic review.

4. Since Agency training is a normal responsibility of this office and since the responsibility for training the Task Force has never been formally vested elsewhere, I believe no general memorandum need be issued. Within OTR, responsibility for this training program lies with the Chief, Operations School. Mr. [REDACTED] who will succeed Mr. [REDACTED] in that position on 1 September, is immediately available to discuss the program.

SIGNED

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cc: DDP/TRO

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